

Senate District J Senator

Geran Tarr, Registered Democrat



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AGE: 47

PLACE OF BIRTH: Akron, Ohio

OCCUPATION: University Faculty,
Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 24 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage 1998-present
Juneau 2001-2006, 2013-2022 (part-time)

EDUCATION:
University of Alaska Anchorage, Master of Public
Administration
Ohio University, Bachelor of Science, Botany, Environmental
Studies, Women’s Studies

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Chair, House Fisheries Committee, Member, House State
Affairs, House Tribal Affairs, House Military and Veterans
Affairs, and Joint Armed Services Committees. Formerly
House Resources and House Health and Social Services
Committees. Chair House Poverty and Opportunity Task
Force.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
University Faculty, Biology Department, UAA, Executive
Director, Alliance for Reproductive Justice Chief of Staff,
Senator Johnny Ellis, Alaska Senate, Researcher and
Public Policy Consultant

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Women in Government, Board Treasurer
Alaska Resilience Initiative
UAA Master’s in Public Health Advisory Committee

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
community building, gardening, subsistence harvesting,
everything outdoors - hiking, camping, fishing,
snowboarding

OTHER:
2021 Alaska Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year
2021 Alaska Invasive Species Partnership Advocate Award
2020 Hugh Malone Award from Alaska Democratic Party

STATEMENT:
Right now we need proven leaders that can work across
the aisle to solve Alaska’s most pressing problems. I
offer this leadership. I have a track record of working with
colleagues to find common ground and lasting solutions.

A few examples include passing critical, bipartisan public
safety legislation, successfully negotiating an oil tax bill
ending the failed cash credit program and immediately
save the state tens of millions/month, and helping to
found the bipartisan, bicameral Food and Farm Caucus
that has important achievements in just our first year.

I have led and will continue leading on solutions to
address our high rates of child abuse, domestic violence,
and sexual assault. We passed Erin’s Law, then our
Rape Kit Reform Initiative, and this year rewrote our
broken consent statute that routinely denied justice to
Alaskans who have been sexually assaulted. This has
been called a “gargantuan step forward” in updating our
public safety laws.

As a former Co-Chair of the House Resources Committee
and as the current Chair of the Fisheries Committee, I have
pushed to put Alaska first in our resource development
policy. I have led efforts to invest in research necessary
to protect our fisheries, worked to expand our outdoor
recreation economy that offers billions in economic
opportunity, and supported growth and development of
our agricultural industry. I’m committed to stabilizing our
economy and the PFD.

We can get a lot done in Juneau with the right people
willing to work together. I’m working hard to earn your
vote!

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